modification, was carried out in-house as per Boeing Service Bulletin 53A-1177 during a major check. On remaining Boeings, this will be carried out progressively. The mod kit/material used was procured from Boeing Company, the manufacturers of aircraft.

Hike in the fee for Haj Pilgrimage

1514. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating hike in the fee for Haj Pilgrimage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of subsidy likely to be reduced this year with the proposed hike?

(a) THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir. It has been decided to maintain the fare of Haj Pilgrim 117 Rs. 12,000/-per pilgrim during the Haj 2002 for air travel to/ from Jeddah.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New airport at Surat

†1515. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it a fact that Government are considering to construct some new airports in the near future;

(b) if so, the names of the States alongwith the locations of such airports;

(c) whether Government are contemplating construction of an airport at Surat town of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) There is no plan to construct new airports at present by the Government. However, in principle apporval has been granted for construction of new international airports at Shamshabad near Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, Devanhalli near Bangalore in Karnataka and Mopa in Goa on the request of the respective State Governments, in joint venture with private sector participation.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.